

**Amendments to the Abstract**

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## ABSTRACT

An artificial joint includes a condyle and a joint socket having a socket element and an inlay whose associated functional surfaces functionally interlinked. The functional surface facing the joint socket has circular, concave section contours, the orbital radii of the joint deviating from each other in a main functional plane relative to a secondary functional plane. The functional surface can be locked in various positions relative to the joint socket and the joint includes snap-in stages, produced by gear cutting, between the joint element and the inlay with the functional surface, which allow for locking the position in steps of  $1^\circ$ .